

REMARKS

Claim 31 has been amended based on the disclosure at page 10, line 3 to page 11, line 1.
Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph

On page 2 of the Office Action, claim 31 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner suggests that applicant incorporate the meaning of the 2nd, 3rd, and 6th hydroxide groups into this claim.

In response, applicant has amended claim 31 to incorporate the meaning of the 2nd, 3rd, and 6th hydroxide groups therein.

Accordingly, applicant submits that claim 31 satisfies the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims and Request for Rejoinder

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 6 and 8-30 are allowed.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 6 and 8-30 are allowed. In view of the above amendment and remarks, applicant submits that claim 31 should be allowed as well. Further, as indicated at the bottom of page 10 of the Amendment filed July 5, 2006, applicant

respectfully requests rejoinder of claims 32-37, since claim 30, the claim upon which claims 32-37 directly or indirectly depend, is allowed. In this regard, applicant notes that since claims 32-37 depend directly or indirectly from claim 30, they include all the requirements of claim 30, and since claim 30 is allowed, claims 32-37 should be allowed as well.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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